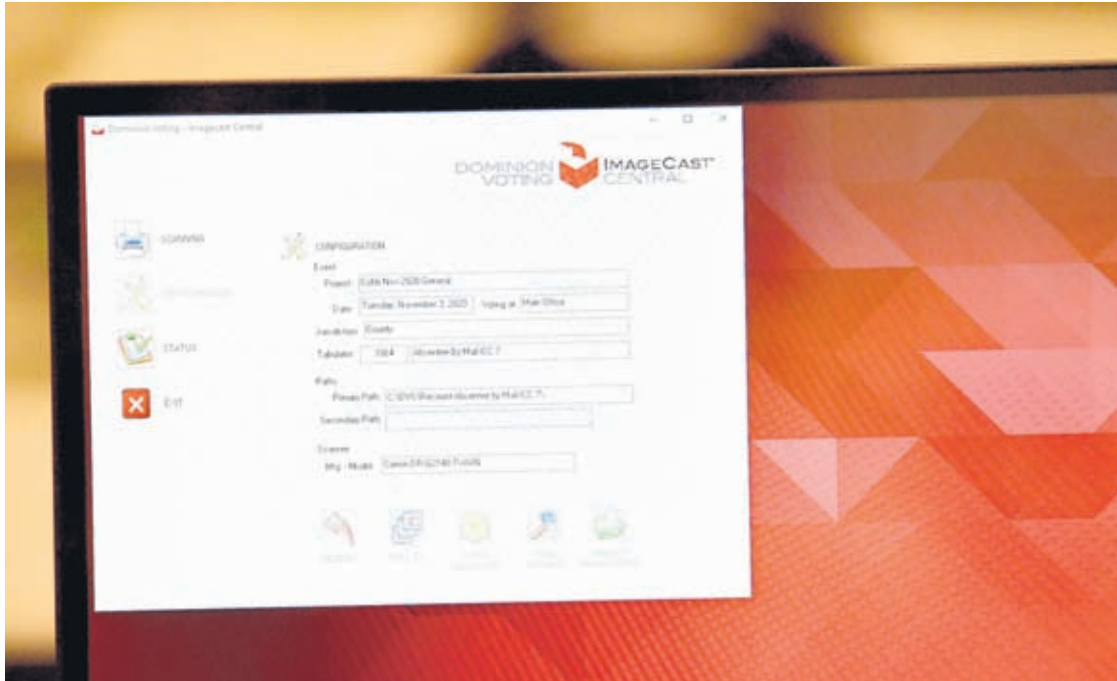




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A monitor showing Dominion Voting Image Cast Central display tab is seen as Cobb County Election officials count ballots on a machine Nov. 24, 2020, in Marietta, Ga.

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Breaches of voting machine data raise worries for midterms

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Sensitive voting system passwords posted online. Copies of confidential voting software available for download. Ballot-counting machines inspected by people not supposed to have access.

The list of suspected security

breaches at local election offices since the 2020 election keeps growing, with investigations underway in at least three states -- Colorado, Georgia and Michigan. The stakes appeared to rise this week when the existence of a federal probe came to light involving a prominent loyalist to former President Donald Trump

who has been promoting voting machine conspiracy theories across the country. While much remains unknown about the investigations, one of the most pressing questions is what it all could mean for security of voting machines with the midterm elections less than two months away.

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FRIDAY Ricky Thomas Guitarist 7:00pm-9:00pm	SATURDAY Angela Flores Violinist 6:30pm-8:30pm	 KARAOKE Happy Hour 9:00pm-11:00pm	
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Election security experts say the breaches by themselves have not necessarily increased threats to the November voting. Election officials already assume hostile foreign governments might have the sensitive data, and so they take precautions to protect their voting systems.

The more immediate concern is the possibility that rogue election workers, including those sympathetic to lies about the 2020 presidential election, might use their access to election equipment and the knowledge gained through the breaches to launch an attack from within. That could be intended to gain an advantage for their desired candidate or party, or to introduce system problems that would sow further distrust in the election results. In some of the suspected security breaches, authorities are investigating whether local officials provided unauthorized access to people who copied software and hard drive data, and in several cases shared it publicly.

After the Georgia breach, a group of election security experts said the unauthorized copying and sharing of election data from rural Coffee County presented "serious threats" to the November election. They urged the state election board to replace the touchscreen devices used throughout the state and use only hand-marked paper ballots.

Harri Hursti, a leading expert in voting security, said he is concerned about another use of the breached data. Access to the voting equipment data or software can be used to develop a realistic looking video in which someone claims to have manipulated a voting sys-



A worker returns voting machines to storage at the Fulton County Election preparation Center on Nov. 4, 2020 in Atlanta, Ga.

Associated Press

tem, he said.

Such a fake video posted online or to social media on or after Election Day could create chaos for an election office and cause voters to challenge the accuracy of the results.

"If you have those rogue images, now you can start manufacturing false, compelling evidence — false evidence of wrongdoing that never happened," Hursti said. "You can start creating very compelling imaginary evidence."

There has been no evidence that voting machines have been manipulated, either during the 2020 election or in this year's primaries. But conspiracy theories widely promoted among some conservatives have led to calls for replacing the machines with hand-marked and hand-counted ballots and raised concerns that they could be targeted by people working inside election offices or at polling places. The suspected breaches appear to be orchestrated

or encouraged by people who falsely claim the 2020 election was stolen from Trump. In several of the cases, employees of local election offices or election boards gave access to voting systems to people who were not authorized to have it. The incidents emerged into public view after the voting system passwords for Mesa County, Colorado, were posted online, prompting a local investigation and a successful effort to replace the county clerk from overseeing elections.

MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell, who has organized or attended forums around the U.S. peddling conspiracy theories about voting machines, said this week that he had received a subpoena from a federal grand jury investigating the breach in Colorado and was ordered to hand over his cellphone to FBI agents who approached him at a fast-food restaurant in Minnesota.

"And they told me not to

tell anybody," Lindell said in a video afterward. "OK, I won't. But I am."

Lindell and others have been traveling the country over the past year, holding events where attendees are told that voting machines have been corrupted, that officials are "selected" rather than elected and that widespread fraud cost Trump the 2020 election.

In an interview with the Star Tribune of Minneapolis, Lindell said FBI agents questioned him about the Colorado breach and Dominion Voting Systems. The company provides voting equipment used in about 30 states and has had its machines targeted in the Colorado, Georgia and Michigan breaches.

When agents asked him why he flies between different states, Linden told them, "I'm going to attorney generals and politicians, and I'm trying to get them to get rid of these voting machines in our country."

The Justice Department did

not respond when asked for details about its investigation.

Dominion has sued Lindell and others, accusing them of defamation. In a statement this week, the company said it would not comment about ongoing investigations but said its systems are secure. It noted that no credible evidence has been provided to show that its machines "did anything other than count votes accurately and reliably in all states."

The scope of the federal grand jury probe in Colorado isn't known, but local authorities have charged Mesa County clerk Tina Peters in what they described as a "deceptive scheme which was designed to influence public servants, breach security protocols, exceed permissible access to voting equipment and set in motion the eventual distribution of confidential information to unauthorized people."

Peters has pleaded not guilty and said she had the authority to investigate concerns that the voting equipment had been manipulated. She has appeared at numerous events with Lindell over the past year, including Lindell's "cybersymposium" last August in which a digital copy of Mesa County's election management system was distributed.

David Becker, a former U.S. Justice Department attorney who now leads the Center for Election Innovation & Research, notes the irony of those who raise alarms about voting equipment being involved in allegations of breaches of the same systems.

"The people who have been attacking the integrity of elections are destroying the actual integrity of elections," he said. □

DOJ to use 'carrot and stick' approach on corporate crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with a decline in the number of corporate criminal prosecutions over the last decade, a top Justice Department official on Thursday unveiled new sweeteners for companies that cooperate with the government and a \$250

million Congressional budget request to expand its work.

Every division that prosecutes corporate crime must now develop programs to incentivize companies to report misconduct, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said in a speech at

New York University Law School. In some cases, no one will have to plead guilty to criminal charges if the violation was self-reported and the company fixed it.

The Justice Department's top priority is prosecuting individuals who commit cor-

porate crime, she said. She pointed to companies like Theranos, whose disgraced CEO Elizabeth Holmes was convicted on felony counts earlier this year.

"We will hold those who break the law accountable, regardless of their position, status, or seniority,"

Monaco said.

Companies will also be required to come forward more quickly with evidence of suspected misdeeds to get leniency, and could eventually be rewarded for clawing back money from executives that break the law. □

After serious breach, Uber says services operational

By FRANK BAJAK
AP Technology Writer

The ride-hailing service Uber said Friday that all its services are operational following what security professionals were calling a major data breach. It said there was no evidence the hacker got access to sensitive user data.

What appeared to be a lone hacker announced the breach on Thursday after apparently tricking an Uber employee into providing credentials.

Screenshots the hacker shared with security researchers indicate this person obtained full access to the cloud-based systems where Uber stores sensitive customer and financial data.

It is not known how much data the hacker stole or how long they were inside Uber's network. Two researchers who communicated directly with the person — who self-identified as an 18-year-old to one of them — said they appeared interested in publicity. There was no indication they destroyed data. But files shared with the researchers and posted widely on Twitter and other



An Uber sign is displayed at the company's headquarters in San Francisco, Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.

Associated Press

social media indicated the hacker was able to access Uber's most crucial internal systems.

"It was really bad the access he had. It's awful," said Corbin Leo, one of the researchers who chatted with the hacker online.

He said screenshots the person shared showed the intruder got access to systems stored on Amazon and Google cloud-based

servers where Uber keeps source code, financial data and customer data such as driver's licenses.

"If he had keys to the kingdom he could start stopping services. He could delete stuff.

He could download customer data, change people's passwords," said Leo, a researcher and head of business development at the security company Zel-

lic.

Screenshots the hacker shared — many of which found their way online — showed they had accessed sensitive financial data and internal databases. Among them was one in which the hacker announced the breach on Uber's internal Slack collaboration system. Sam Curry, an engineer with Yuga Labs who also communicated with the

hacker, said there was no indication that the hacker had done any damage or was interested in anything more than publicity. "My gut feeling is that it seems like they are out to get as much attention as possible."

Curry said he spoke to several Uber employees Thursday who said they were "working to lock down everything internally" to restrict the hacker's access. That included the San Francisco company's Slack network, he said.

In a statement posted online Friday, Uber said "internal software tools that we took down as a precaution yesterday are coming back online."

It said all its services — including Uber Eats and Uber Freight — were operational.

The company did not respond to questions from The Associated Press including about whether the hacker gained access to customer data and if that data was stored encrypted. The company said there was no evidence that the intruder accessed "sensitive user data" such as trip history. □

Sarah Sanders undergoes surgery for thyroid cancer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Former White House press secretary Sarah Sanders, who is running for governor in Arkansas, underwent surgery Friday for thyroid cancer.

Sanders announced she underwent the surgery after a biopsy earlier this month revealed that she had thyroid cancer.

"Today, I underwent a successful surgery to remove my thyroid and surrounding lymph nodes and by the grace of God I am now cancer-free," Sanders said in a statement released by her campaign. "I want to thank the Arkansas doctors and nurses for their world-class care, as well as my family and friends for their love, prayers, and support." Sanders, 40, said she looked forward to returning to the

campaign trail soon. Sanders' last public event was at the Arkansas Razorbacks football game on Saturday. Sanders, who served as former President Donald Trump's spokeswoman until 2019, is running against Democratic nominee Chris Jones. She is the daughter of former Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Sanders, who has shattered fundraising records in the race, is heavily favored in the predominantly Republican state of Arkansas. The state's current Republican governor, Asa Hutchinson, is leaving office in January due to term limits.

A doctor for Sanders said in a statement that he expected her to be back on her feet within the next 24 hours. Dr. John R. Sims, a surgeon at CARTI Cancer

Center in Little Rock, said Sanders will need adjuvant treatment with radioactive iodine and continued long follow up care.

Sims said Sanders' cancer was a stage 1 papillary thyroid carcinoma, the most common type of thyroid cancer and said she has an "excellent" prognosis.

"I think it's fair to say she's now cancer free, and I don't anticipate any of this slowing her down," Sims said.

During Sanders' nearly two-year tenure at the White House, she scaled back daily televised briefings after repeatedly sparring with reporters and faced questions about her credibility. But she also earned reporters' respect working behind the scenes to develop relationships with the media.



Arkansas Republican gubernatorial candidate Sarah Sanders talks to reporters at the Arkansas state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark., on Feb. 22, 2022, after filing paperwork to run for governor. Associated Press

Sanders was well known in Arkansas politics before launching her governor's bid, going back to when she appeared in ads for her father's campaigns. She managed Sen. John Boozman's 2010 election and

worked as an adviser to Sen. Tom Cotton's in 2014. She's run primarily on national issues in the Arkansas race, promising to use the governor's office to fight President Joe Biden and the "radical left." □

Weekend weather concerns Northern California firefighters

FORESTHILL, Calif. (AP) — A weekend weather system could hamper firefighters' efforts in Northern California to battle the week-old blaze that's become the largest in the state so far this year.

The system is forecasted to bring colder temperatures and precipitation — from 1/4 inch (0.6 centimeters) to more than 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) of rainfall over several days — to the Mosquito Fire about 110 miles (177 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco.

But stronger winds are also expected to arrive in the area beginning Saturday, and the winds could throw burning embers and create spot fires despite the rain.

"That's a bit of a mixed blessing here," fire behavior analyst Jonathan Pangburn said Thursday.

The forecast came as firefighters again prevented flames from entering a mountain town and reported major progress Thursday, just two days after the fire roared back to life and burned structures near Foresthill. Crews on the ground built up containment lines while water-dropping helicopters knocked down



Firefighter Gabriel Beltran manages a backfire, flames lit by firefighters to burn off vegetation, while battling the Mosquito Fire in Placer County, Calif., on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022.

Associated Press

hotspots.

Conditions on the ground Thursday were "looking a whole heck of a lot better," according to fire spokesman Scott McLean.

"It's looking really good on the west end where we had that dramatic increase of fire earlier this week," McLean said. Flames raced up a drainage ditch into a neighborhood, but firefighters saved all the homes.

Scientists say climate

change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. In the last five years, California has experienced the largest and most destructive fires in its history.

Evacuation orders remained for some 11,000 residents because of the unpredictable nature of

the winds, McLean said, which typically blow in the direction of several canyons and could rapidly spread flames if gusts pick up.

The Mosquito Fire was 20% contained after destroying at least 70 homes and other buildings. Total containment of the fire is expected to occur around Oct. 15.

The 109-square-mile (282-square-kilometer) blaze on Wednesday sur-

passed the size of the previous largest conflagration in 2022 — the McKinney Fire — although this season has seen a fraction of last year's wildfire activity so far.

In Southern California, dogs aided the hunt for a person missing in a heavily damaged area of the San Bernardino Mountains where thunderstorms unleashed rocks, trees and earth that washed away cars, buried homes and affected 3,000 residents in two remote communities. Nearly 2 inches (5 centimeters) of rain fell Monday at Yucaipa Ridge between Oak Glen, home to apple orchards that are a fall tourist destination, and Forest Falls, once a summer getaway for cabin owners that has become a bedroom community.

"This entire area is blanketed with up to 6 feet (1.8 meters) of mud, debris, large boulders," said Jim Topelski, a San Bernardino County fire chief. The mudslide damage in Oak Glen and Forest Falls served as a powerful warning to residents of the lingering damage wildfires can cause months or even years after flames are extinguished and the smoke clears. □

Nebraska judge: Birth certificates can't name 2 mothers



Erin Porterfield, back left, and Kristin Williams, back right, along with their children, Cameron Porter Williams, 16, front left, and Kadin Porter Williams, 18, pose for a photograph at Omaha family law firm Koenig | Dunne in Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021 in Omaha, Neb.

Associated Press

By MARGERY A. BECK

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska judge has rejected a lawsuit filed by two Omaha women who sought to have both their names listed as parents on their

children's birth certificates, saying the request conflicts with state law.

Lancaster County District Judge Ryan Post said in his ruling last month dismissing the lawsuit that state law

requires birth certificates to acknowledge paternity. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services policy also requires that parents listed on birth certificates be the biological parents of the child, he said.

The Nebraska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union sued the state last year on behalf of Erin Porterfield and Kristin Williams. They said the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services repeatedly denied their request to amend one son's birth certificate in their effort to get full legal recognition as parents of both their sons — one born to each woman conceived through a sperm donor.

Porterfield and Williams were in a romantic partnership from 2000 to 2013 —

two years before same-sex marriage was legalized in Nebraska. Porterfield gave birth to their first son in 2002, and Williams gave birth to their second son in 2005 before their romantic relationship ended in 2013. But both women continue to share parenting duties.

In their lawsuit, the women said that state officials treat unmarried, same-sex couples differently than unmarried, opposite-sex couples, violating their due process and equal protection rights.

The women argued in their lawsuit that listing them both is critical because it could affect their children's eligibility for government benefits, should something happen to one of them. They also accused the state of sexual discrimination because it allows men

to voluntarily acknowledge that they are parents to get onto a birth certificate, but doesn't allow women to do so.

"Our sons are our entire world and we want to make sure we're doing right by them," Porterfield said when the lawsuit was filed. "Our boys have a right to the security of having both parents on their birth certificates, a required document in so many life changes and decisions. That's why this matters to us."

But Judge Post said the women failed to identify "a single court that has adopted their constitutional arguments."

"The court certainly understands why plaintiffs seek a policy change," Post wrote. "But that policy decision is for the Legislature, not this court." □

EU drafts media act amid concern over spying, state pressure

By **LORNE COOK**

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union's executive branch unveiled plans Friday for new laws that it said would help protect media freedom and independence in the 27-nation bloc at a time of mounting concern about the dangers of political influence in several member countries. Spurred into action allegations of state spying on reporters, the use of political pressure on news outlets and the placing of advertising to peddle influence, the European Commission said the EU needs a European Media Freedom Act. "We see a lot of worrying trends regarding media in Europe, and it's not only a matter of one or two countries," European Commission Vice President Vera Jourova told reporters in Brussels. She said the proposed legislation is needed "for the times we live in, not for the times we would like to live in." The commission has criticized the governments of Hungary, Poland and Slovenia in recent years for trying to pressure their national media. But EU officials say they see the risk of political influence in more than 20 member countries.



European Commissioner for Values and Transparency Vera Jourova speaks during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels, Friday, Nov. 13, 2020.

Associated Press

"We need to establish clear principles: No journalist should be spied on because of their job. No public media should be turned into propaganda channel," Jourova said. The main thrust of the new act is to protect media outlets from governments attempting to determine what they can publish or broadcast, and to prevent

countries from spying on media workers. The legislation also aims to ensure stable funding of public service media and to make media ownership more transparent. The proposal would only take effect once it has been debated and endorsed by EU member countries and the European Parliament. The centerpiece of the leg-

islation would create an independent body, made up of national media authorities, to issue opinions on national measures and decisions affecting media markets and media market ownership. But the opinions of the European Board for Media Services would not be binding on national authorities. Jourova rejected sugges-

tions that the board would be answerable to the European Commission or serve as an oversight body that itself keeps tabs on what reporters and editors are doing. "We are not going to regulate the media themselves, but the space for media," she said. The act would ban the use of spyware against journalists and their families, with exceptions only for investigations of crimes such as terrorism, child abuse or murder. Journalists would have the right to judicial protection, and countries would set up an independent authority to handle complaints. The allocation of state advertising to media would also be made more transparent. Officials say that 21 countries are at medium to high risk of misusing advertising revenue to influence editors and journalists. The plan is the commission's second recent foray into the media world. On Sept. 6, it launched a consortium of 18 European news agencies to "carry out independent reporting on EU affairs." The European Newsroom benefits from around 1.8 million euros (\$1.8 million) in EU funding. □

Theft hurts Nigeria's oil output but crackdown intensifies

By **CHINEDU ASADU**

Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria is losing 470,000 barrels of crude oil per day to theft and pipeline vandalism, regulators say, and has now lost its status as Africa's largest crude producer to Angola. With the decline, Nigeria has dropped to fourth place among Africa's largest crude-producing countries, according to the International Energy Agency's latest oil market report released this week. The problem is also making it more difficult for Nigeria to meet the 1.8 million barrels per day (bpd) production quota set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). And it's further hurting government

finances amid an economic downturn in Africa's most populous nation. Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari says the country's revenue crisis "is caused mainly by the activities of unscrupulous citizens through the theft of our crude oil, a major contributor to our revenue base." Security forces say they are stepping up a crackdown on the thieves in Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta region. Since April, more than 100 suspected oil thieves have been arrested and authorities have seized 30 billion naira (\$70 million) worth of oil assets. "The Nigerian Navy will continue to carry out operations in all our bases in the Niger Delta to ensure the

operation of illegal refinery sites is no more possible," spokesman Commodore Adedotun Ayo-Vaughan told The Associated Press on Thursday. For many years, Nigeria's oil sector has been crippled by theft and pipeline vandalism, defying government and security measures. Experts now fear the theft is having an unprecedented economic impact on the country's finances and economy, which is Africa's largest. Government data shows the country's crude output in August averaged 972,394 bpd, a multi-decade low. Other factors including chronic underinvestment in the oil sector and spills from damaged pipelines have also affected Nigeria's oil



Arrested pirates that hijacked the Panama-flagged Maximus vessel are shown to the media in Lagos, Nigeria Monday, Feb. 22, 2016.

Associated Press

production capacity. But more than anything else affecting Nigeria's oil output, "what is much more difficult to manage is the issue of vandals which cut across every community," Mele Kyari, head of the Ni-

gerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC) told reporters this month. "Wherever our product has gotten to, wherever our facilities pass, everybody has now become some form of vandal." □

El Salvador president re-election bid draws strong reaction

By **MARCOS ALEMÁN**

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador

(AP) — In the hours since El Salvador President Nayib Bukele announced he would seek re-election despite a constitutional ban, opinion quickly divided.

Those who want to give more time to the man who has arrested more than 50,000 people in the past six months for alleged gang connections voiced their support while a vocal minority who see it as one more unsurprising step toward authoritarianism rejected the move.

Bukele announced he would seek re-election in a televised speech Thursday night, El Salvador's Independence Day, riding a wave of popularity from his crackdown on gangs.

Bukele's current five-year term ends in 2024, but observers had long expected the announcement, especially since the Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court, handpicked by his supporters in congress, ruled last year that re-election was permitted and ordered the electoral court to allow it.

"I don't understand that about the constitution, but the man is doing a good



El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele participates in the closing ceremony of a congress for cryptocurrency investors in Santa Maria Mizata, El Salvador, Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021.

Associated Press

job, he's finishing with the gangs, and yes I support him," said Estela Sánchez, a produce vendor in the San Salvador suburb of Santa Tecla. Constitutional lawyers have said re-election violates at least four articles of the constitution, including one that limits the presidential term to five years and states that the person who serves as president will not continue in their func-

tions for one day more.

Vice President Félix Ulloa, predictably, sees it differently. "Of course it isn't unconstitutional," Ulloa said. "One of the things that has concerned me my entire life has been to respect the rule of the democratic and constitutional state."

However, some observers have voiced doubts for years about Bukele's commitment to democratic in-

stitutions.

His popularity and sweeping electoral victories are unquestioned, but that power has been wielded to intimidate lawmakers -- he took soldiers into the Legislative Assembly when opponents balked at voting on part of his security plan -- to remove Supreme Court justices who had challenged some of his measures early in the CO-

VID-19 pandemic and the attorney general.

Congresswoman Dina Argueta of the leftist Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, the party Bukele began his political career in, said that the announcement came as no surprise because Bukele had been working toward it. "However, we must establish that our constitution does not allow re-election in any moment," she said.

Juan Pappier, senior investigator in Human Rights Watch Americas Division, has been a frequent Bukele critic and the human rights organization one of those that Bukele regularly rails against.

"This constitutional breach was predictable," he said via Twitter. "El Salvador for some time has been on the path to be a dictatorship and many, for ideological blindness, cowardice, geopolitical interests or obsession with immigration did not want to raise the voice in time or help to stop it."

Within El Salvador, the crackdown that began in late March after gangs killed 62 people in one day, has maintained its popularity despite a rising number of documented human rights violations. □

Clashes on Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan border resume, kill 2



Kyrgyz volunteers gather outside the government building demanding they be sent to the conflict zone at the Kyrgyz-Tajik border, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Friday, Sept. 16, 2022.

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Kyrgyzstan accused neighboring Tajikistan of firing at its border guards Friday evening, hours after the security chiefs of the two countries agreed on a cease-fire.

Kyrgyzstan's Health Ministry reported that clashes on the Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan border that started early Friday killed two people, including a 15-year-old girl, and wounded 55 others,

most of whom were hospitalized.

It wasn't immediately clear what prompted the stand-off or the renewed shelling later in the day, but the serpentine border the two ex-Soviet nations share is often a tense area.

In 2021, a dispute over water rights and the installation of surveillance cameras by Tajikistan led to confrontations near the border that killed at least 55 people.

According to the Kyrgyz border service, Friday's fighting erupted early in the morning, when Tajik forces first fired at Kyrgyz border guards. As tensions mounted, the border service accused Tajikistan of using mortars, tanks and armored vehicles to shell Kyrgyzstan's positions, tar-

geting an airport near the border with multiple rocket launchers and destroying civilian infrastructure.

Tajik border officials, meanwhile, charged that the Kyrgyz forces subjected Tajik border villages "to intensive mortar bombardment and shelling" from "all types of available heavy weapons and firearms." Tajik authorities said they proposed negotiations and a cease-fire, but Kyrgyz troops reportedly ignored the offers.

The Kyrgyz border service later reported in a statement that the two countries' security chiefs agreed to cease the hostilities starting from 4 p.m. local time (1000 GMT), but it appeared to have only held for several hours.

The presidents of Kyrgyz-

stan and Tajikistan, Sadyr Zhaparov and Emomali Rakhmon, met Friday at the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Uzbekistan.

According to a statement on Zhaparov's website, the two leaders discussed the border situation and agreed to task the relevant authorities with pulling back troops and stopping the fighting.

Kyrgyz media reported that Zhaparov returned to Kyrgyzstan from the Uzbek city of Samarkand and immediately gathered the country's Security Council for a meeting.

In the meantime, local authorities evacuated 18,000 people from the Batken region of Kyrgyzstan, according to media reports. □

Representatives of the government of Aruba sign condolence register for Queen Elizabeth II

THE HAGUE – Plenipotentiary minister of Aruba in the Netherlands, Mr. Ady Thijsen signed the condolence register at the British Embassy in The Hague on the occasion of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom.

In this way, the minister – in the name of the government of Aruba – expressed condolences to the British Royal Family and the people of the United Kingdom.

Queen Elizabeth II passed away on the 8th of September. She was 96 years old. During 70 years, Queen Elizabeth II was head of state of the United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth.

Earlier this week, prime minister Evelyn Wever-Croes together with ministers Xiomara Maduro and Endy Croes, and member of Parliament, Ricky Hoek signed the condolence register that the English consul made available at the VNO, and this way, in the name of the government of Aruba, showed respect and expressed condolences.

During a press conference at the beginning of the week, the prime minister expressed her condolences for the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, expressing that the United Kingdom and many countries around the world felt sorrow for this loss. Many citizens of our country also grew up knowing Elizabeth II as queen. She was a source of inspiration for people all around the world as well as here in Aruba, mainly for her sense of commitment, her resilience, and her great love for her country.

“Queen Elizabeth II was a symbol of continuity and tranquility in a world that was constantly changing. In the name of the government and the people



of Aruba, we express our words of deep condolence to His Majesty King Charles III, the rest of the Royal Fam-

ily, and the entire community of the United Kingdom. May Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace.”

Governor of Aruba visits Arubahuis

THE HAGUE – The Governor of Aruba, His Excellency Alfonso Boekhoudt paid an official visit on Thursday, 15th of September to the house of Aruba in the Netherlands, Arubahuis.

Governor Boekhoudt was received by Plenipotentiary Minister Ady Thijsen, and interim director Glenda Hernandez, as well as the staff of Arubahuis.

The Governor was accompanied by interim director of the Governor's Cabinet, Reinoud Pronl, and Adjutant to the Governor, Frank Plomp.

The Governor of Aruba is in the Netherlands for a working visit. Governor Boekhoudt, among other things, will be present on Tuesday, 20th of September for the inauguration of the Parlia-

mentary Year in the Netherlands, better known as Prinsjesdag.

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The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors at Marriott's Aruba Surf Club

Eagle Beach - Recently, Aruba Tourism Authority representative Kimberley Richardson had the great pleasure in honoring many loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. The titles are as following: 10+ years "Distinguished Visitor", 20+ years "Goodwill Ambassador" and 36+ years "Emerald Ambassador".

The honorees were Mr. Jim and **Mrs. Stephanie Lewis** from Kentucky, USA who were honored as Distinguished Visitors and MR.

Dennis and MRs. Vickie Marshall from Pennsylvania, USA who were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors.

This symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between the 10-20-35 and more consecutive year mark.

"These wonderful people stated that they love visiting the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, its white sandy beaches and turquoise waters, its picturesque sunsets, its safety, its variety of foods, and Aruba's warm



and friendly people whom have become like family to them," said Kimberley.

Ms. Richardson together

with the representatives of the Marriott's Aruba Surf Club presented the certificates to the honorees, handed over some pres-

ents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □

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During Housekeepers Week Caribbean Palm Village Resort extends appreciation to all its hospitality superstars



Noord – Hospitality is taken to its highest level at the Caribbean Village Resort (CPVR) where friendly interaction between employees and guests is a constant occurrence. It is for this reason that, during International Housekeepers Week, not only were housekeepers given special attention, all resort employees recently took part in a shared celebration that recognized the hard work and dedication of the entire team.

"Hospitality means making your guests feel at home," comments Activities Coordinator Mislady Fin-

gal whose infectious energy and outgoing nature always keeps guests engaged and entertained. "We are like family here, and enjoy what we do. We have an uncrowded, easy atmosphere in which there is time to really get to know our guests, and provide that extra attention. It is what sets us apart from the many different types of resorts in Aruba."

Caribbean Palm Village Resort is a beloved vacation ownership property that maintains a loyal following among longtime owners and guests as well as its employees. Lifelong friendships are the bed-

rock of the CPVR community, with employees treating guests as extended family members. The long, 35-year history of this quiet, private resort community has created strong ties that produce an easy familiarity and ever-friendly atmosphere in which to take advantage of Aruba's perfect weather from its picturesque, palm-tree lined courtyards.

Housekeepers Week provided a perfect opportunity to once again acknowledge the resort's unique vibe and the people behind what really makes Caribbean Palm Vil-

lage a special place. Appreciation was provided during a celebratory meal with shared praise and gifts provided to all employees.

Everyday reunions, activities and positive interactions among owners, guests and employees remain a mainstay of this well-established happy place on 'One Happy Island'. Caribbean Palm Village Resort is located off Palm Beach Road at Noord 43-E, a short drive from Aruba's bustling high-rise Palm Beach area, and remains a welcoming community for its employees as well as guests. □

National Archeological Museum of Aruba starts its series of talks Jewels of Sub Aquatic Heritage of Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Yesterday, 15th of September, the National Archeological Museum of Aruba began its series of talks which will become a series in order to provide information regarding our sub aquatic cultural archeological heritage. This was very well received among the local community.

Various people and organizations joined this talk, which was very interesting, revealing the beginning of a series of information that will be given to our local community with great value for the development of our culture. Drs. Raymundo Dijkhoff, chief of the investigation and collection sector in the National Archeological Museum of Aruba, gave a presentation. He said: "I am very happy that the reception was so positive and that the interest is great." He added that by the end of the presentation there were a lot of questions and comments,

which means that they could go for a longer time. This was simply a teaser of what's to come. "There's a lot more information", Mr. Dijkhoff said. "For me it was very nice to see the feeling among the public, it was very positive."

Gendra Lacle, a Master Degree student, gave the first part of the talk about what is currently being studied in the sub aquatic realm. Next year Lacle will be graduating and thus Aruba will have its own sub aquatic archeologist. Next month there will be another talk that will be about research that was carried out in November, when 27 sub aquatic sites were found, and will explain more about this so that everyone understands that we need to contribute together to the greatest cause.

"Once you see how much Aruba has to tell about the past and the wealth that we have, I am sure that

little by little it will be magnified. There will be a lot more lectures. But for this year, we are waiting for the ratification of the treaty of UNESCO 2001, that is on its way after October, then we will take our next steps publicly", Mr. Dijkhoff said.

Aruba National Park Foundation is taking part as one of the stakeholders in maritime archeology that the archeological museum is organizing and trying to gather information from it.

Norman Kuiper, interim director of Aruba National Park Foundation told our reporter that he thinks it's very beautiful that many people came to this presentation. "This is helping to bring awareness to people regarding what is involved in order to protect our heritage and give a more correct cultural history tomorrow for our students", he expressed.

A gentleman in the audience was asking where he could find information because he works in the tourism sector and these things add a lot more value to the product Aruba. If this is not well organized, you find yourself with the problem of giving wrong information and this can spread.

During the talk, references were made to the territorial planning policy, ROPv and how this is put together in regards to protection of our natural areas, which goes hand-in-hand with conservation of our culture and heritage as well, with all the work done by the museum and other organizations. Our reporter asked Mr. Kuiperi about this, and he said he has simply one criticism that he needs to highlight. The ROPv was ratified in Parliament in 2019, and Mr. Kuiperi says that a part was change where at the end of the day a minister has the right to change the rules in it. "This weakens the ROPv completely." Mr. Kuiperi adds that the idea is to protect what is out there, and its experts and those



who have studied for years who came up with the draft for the policy. "It is regrettable that because it was included that the minister has a right to change a site that is protected in ROPv, for me it completely weakened the ROPv." This could have been fixed simply by removing this added point. "It was not originally includ-

ed, so to me, it means that they should have removed it if they want to protect Aruba", Mr. Kuiperi said.

The next talk will take place on the 27th of October at the National Archeological Museum of Aruba at 7:30pm in the auditorium. The talks are in Papiamentu.



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AGE IS AN ISSUE OF MIND OVER MATTER. IF YOU DON'T MIND, IT DOESN'T MATTER. MARK TWAIN

Is a line of credit right for your business recession plan?



This Aug. 11, 2019 file photo shows credit cards in New Orleans. Associated Press

By LISA ANTHONY of Nerd-Wallet

More than 90% of small-business owners are worried about experiencing an economic recession over the next 12 months, according to a June 2022 Goldman Sachs survey.

Because lenders tend to tighten their lending standards during recessions, small-business owners may be looking for ways to secure funds before access to credit is possibly reduced.

One option to consider is to apply for a business line of credit even if you don't need it right now. Unlike a business loan, a line of credit lets you decide when to withdraw funds and how much to take out, up to a set limit.

WOULD YOUR BUSINESS BENEFIT FROM A LINE OF CREDIT?

Since it's common for access to financing to decrease during a recession, getting a line of credit before you need it can be a smart move, especially if you see the potential for cash flow issues in the future.

For example, if you plan to make large investments in inventory and materials or take on projects that require substantial outlays of cash before you receive payment from your customers, a line of credit can help ensure you have funds available in the future to do it.

In addition, a line of credit can be used to cover op-

erating expenses such as rent, wages, insurance and maintenance when your business experiences a short-term reduction in revenue.

Generally, lines of credit are a good option for businesses that are concerned about fluctuating needs for funds, according to Carolyn Katz, a mentor at the New York City chapter of SCORE, a nonprofit organization offering education and mentorship to small businesses.

When you decide to apply for a credit line, "you should try to get whatever line is available to you," says Katz, "because even if it doesn't fully cover your costs, drawing it down and repaying it regularly will help you earn your way to a larger line."

ARE THERE DRAWBACKS TO HAVING A CREDIT LINE?

If fluctuating cash flow isn't a concern, your decision to apply for a line of credit is more complicated. While a line of credit could be used as a reserve or emergency fund during challenging economic times, there are drawbacks to consider when getting one that may not be used.

It takes time to apply and complete the necessary paperwork, the lender may charge a maintenance fee if you don't use the line and your limit may be lower than you want.

Also, because lenders look at credit lines, even unused ones, when evaluating a borrower, a line of credit

could negatively affect your ability to get other types of financing.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GET A LINE OF CREDIT?

If the benefits of a line of credit are stronger than the drawbacks for your business, and you decide to apply for one, lenders will typically review your business profitability, credit score and accounts receivable. Accounts receivable, the money owed by customers for goods or services, represents future revenue that can be used to pay off your line of credit.

"Receivables are important for any kind of a loan product, but in lines of credit, your accounts receivables are really the No. 1 criteria," Katz says.

Also, keep in mind that older accounts receivable can be considered at risk of nonpayment. Katz says, "if a line of credit is something that you're going to be looking at, try to keep your receivables below 60 days."

WHEN SHOULD YOU APPLY FOR A LINE OF CREDIT?

Shauna Huntington, from the NAWBO Institute of Entrepreneurial Development, the non-profit education foundation of the National Association of Women Business Owners, says that business owners who want a line of credit should consider getting it before they actually need it.

"If they wait until they get that large order and they need the line of credit to produce it, it's going to be harder to go to the bank and ask for that money at that time and get it turned around quickly," Huntington says.

With the option to draw down money as needed, a business line of credit can be the right move for businesses that are concerned about cash flow issues in the future. However, a line of credit, used solely as a way to hedge your bets on an uncertain economy, may be an unnecessary expense that offers few, if any, benefits. □

California 1st with law protecting children's online privacy

By **DON THOMPSON**

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— California will be the first state to require online companies to put kids' safety first by barring them from profiling children or using personal information in ways that could harm children physically or mentally, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Thursday.

"We're taking aggressive action in California to protect the health and well-being of our kids," Newsom said in a statement announcing that he had signed the bill. He noted that as a father of four, "I'm familiar with the real issues our children are experiencing online."

The bill requires tech companies that provide online services attractive to children to follow age-appropriate design code principles aimed at keeping children safe. Companies will eventually have to submit a "data protection impact assessment" to the state's attorney general before offering new online services, products, or features attractive to children.

Facebook parent company Meta said it has concerns about some of law's provisions but shares lawmakers' goal of keeping children safe online.

"We believe young people should have consistent protections across all apps and online services they use, which is why we support clear industry standards in this area," the social media giant said. It called the law "an important development towards establishing these standards."

The bill is modeled after a similar measure in the United Kingdom. In the year since that law took effect, some of the U.S.'s most valuable technology companies "have begun to redesign their products in children's best interests," said Democratic Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, a co-author of the law.

"Now we can ensure they do the same for California youth and hopefully young



Facebook's Meta logo sign is seen at the company headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif., on, Oct. 28, 2021.

Associated Press

people across the country," Wicks said.

The law was opposed by a coalition including the Entertainment Software Association that said it includes "an over-inclusive standard and would capture far more websites and platforms than necessary." It's the second groundbreaking online protections bill signed by Newsom this week. The earlier measure requires social media companies to provide details on how and when they remove disturbing content including hate speech.

But a third proposal failed to pass the state Legislature this year. It would have banned social media com-

panies from adopting features it knows can cause children to become addicted.

Still, Jim Steyer, CEO of Common Sense Media, a nonprofit that advocates for children, said the bill Newsom signed on Thursday is "a necessary and positive steps forward in standing up to Big Tech." The challenge of protecting children online resonated personally with Newsom's wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and Wicks, who are both mothers of young children.

"I am terrified of the effects technology addiction and saturation are having on our children and their men-

tal health," Siebel Newsom said in supporting the bill, though she acknowledged that "social media and the internet are integral to the way we as a global community connect and communicate." □



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On Football: Can Black QBs pave way for Black coaches?

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP Pro Football Writer

When 11 Black quarterbacks started NFL games in Week 1, it was another indication those racial stereotypes have finally been overcome.

While there is a continued lack of diversity among general managers and coaches, four of the five largest contracts in the sport have been given to Black QBs — including Deshaun Watson's fully guaranteed \$230 million deal from the Cleveland Browns. Patrick Mahomes, Russell Wilson and Kyler Murray received the other three. Lamar Jackson is in line to join that group next.

Black QBs — Cam Newton, Mahomes and Jackson — have won three of the last seven NFL MVP awards. Over the last 11 drafts, 11 of the 33 quarterbacks taken in the first round were Black. But it's been a long, difficult journey since Fritz Pollard became the first Black QB to play in the NFL in 1923. "There has been a traditional and historical underrepresentation of Black quarterbacks in the league because of various myths and falsehoods," NFL executive Troy Vincent told The Asso-



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) throws against the Arizona Cardinals during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, in Glendale, Ariz.

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ciated Press. "At the opening of this 2022 season, 11 Black quarterbacks are not only leading NFL clubs, but are demonstrating their ability to win. This leaves no doubt how this position has been normalized at both the collegiate and professional levels."

Despite the increase in Black quarterbacks and Black officials, who represent about 40% of the league's officiating crew,

the growth in diversity isn't reflected on the sideline. There are only four Black head coaches in 2022: Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin, Houston's Lovie Smith, Tampa Bay's Todd Bowles and Miami's Mike McDaniel, who is biracial.

It took nearly 100 years to go from Pollard breaking the QB race barrier to 11 starters, and it's unclear how long it will be for Black coaches to make that

leap.

Those decisions fall on the owners.

The league hires officials. Owners can have the say on general managers and coaches.

It took several decades to get to the new normal for QBs.

Along the way, Doug Williams became the first Black QB to win a Super Bowl following the 1987 season. Wilson and Ma-

homes joined him over the past nine years.

Michael Vick was the first Black QB selected No. 1 overall in the draft in 2001. Steve McNair became the first Black QB to win MVP in 2003.

All of those QBs and many others have dealt with many stereotypes. Some still do.

Jackson said a scout from the Los Angeles Chargers asked him to run routes at the NFL combine in 2018. He refused. The Baltimore Ravens selected him with the 32nd pick in the 2018 draft. He was MVP in his second season.

Donovan McNabb said college scouts asked him to play running back or wide receiver. He wouldn't switch positions. He was drafted No. 2 overall by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1999 and led the team to five NFC championship games in 11 seasons.

"Center, quarterback, wide receiver were the last positions to integrate in the National Football League," Vincent said. "Why? Because someone said that they were thinking positions and that Black QBs didn't have the aptitude, didn't have the football IQ." □

PayPal says, if Sarver stays, it won't remain Suns sponsor



Phoenix Suns owner Robert Sarver watches the team play against the Memphis Grizzlies during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Phoenix, Dec. 11, 2019.

Associated Press

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

PayPal said Friday that the company will no longer sponsor the Phoenix Suns if owner Robert Sarver re-

mains part of the franchise when his suspension ends. PayPal said its current partnership deal with the Suns ends after the coming 2022-23 season, meaning

it will expire during Sarver's one-year suspension from the NBA. Sarver was suspended this week, plus fined \$10 million, after an investigation showed a pattern of lewd, misogynistic, and racist speech and conduct during his 18 years as owner of the Suns.

In a statement, PayPal President and CEO Dan Schulman pointed to his company's "strong record of combatting racism, sexism and all forms of discrimination" and said Sarver's conduct is "unacceptable and in conflict with our values."

"In light of the findings of the NBA's investigation, we will not renew our sponsorship should Robert Sarver remain involved with the Suns organization, after serving his suspension," Schulman said.

Schulman said PayPal will remain supportive of the team, its players "and the experienced and diverse talent now leading the organization," including coach Monty Williams, general manager James Jones, assistant general manager Morgan Cato and senior vice president of people and culture Kim Corbitt.

Williams, Jones, Cato and Corbitt are Black. The investigation into Sarver showed he "repeated or purported to repeat the N-word on at least five occasions spanning his tenure with the Suns," though noted that the independent lawyers hired by the NBA to conduct the probe made "no finding that Sarver used this racially insensitive language with the intent to

demean or denigrate."

PayPal's statement came one day after Suns vice chairman Jahm Najafi called for Sarver to resign, saying there should be "zero tolerance" for lewd, misogynistic and racist conduct in any workplace. Some players, including Suns guard Chris Paul — a past president of the National Basketball Players Association — and Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James, also have said the NBA's sanctions of Sarver did not go far enough.

PayPal is based in San Jose, California.

The technology platform and digital payments company also has been a partner for the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and a Spanish soccer team, both owned by Sarver. □

Golovkin, Álvarez vow to settle rivalry in pivotal 3rd fight

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) —

Although the third fight between Gennady Golovkin and Canelo Álvarez took four years to happen, their showdown on Saturday night always seemed both inevitable and necessary. That's because the first two meetings between these transcendentally talented boxers didn't truly resolve anything about one of the best rivalries in this era.

Their first two bouts ended in a draw and a narrow decision victory for Álvarez, yet many observers without an official scorecard believe Golovkin deserved the win in one or both of the fights. That's the nature of this imprecise sport, but almost everyone can agree neither fighter was clearly superior over their 24 entertaining rounds together.

"We had two great fights, and we shook hands," Golovkin said through an interpreter. "But we still have business."

That business will be conducted at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, where a rowdy Mexican Independence Day weekend crowd hopes to see a fitting conclusion to a trilogy that clearly brings out the best in two well-matched champions. Golovkin (42-1-1, 37 KOs) has been the world's top middleweight for most of the past decade, while Álvarez (57-2-2, 39 KOs) is a



Canelo Alvarez, left, and Gennady Golovkin, right, pose during a news conference Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, in Las Vegas. The two are scheduled to fight in a super middleweight title bout Saturday in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

four-division world champion with a massive fan base and a daredevil reputation for taking on any contender in multiple weight classes.

Álvarez is the betting favorite and the popular pick for the third bout even though he's coming off only the second defeat of his career, a fairly one-sided loss to light heavyweight Dmitry Bivol.

Álvarez and Golovkin are meeting as super middleweights this time, with Golovkin moving up from 160 to 168 pounds for the first time in his career. Álvarez collected all four major 168-pound world titles in a

one-year span ending late last year, and his comfort at the higher weight is a factor in his favor.

Álvarez is also hungry to regain his career momentum with his first decisive victory over Golovkin, who might turn out to be his greatest rival when his career is over. "I have a lot of motivation for this fight, but I'm hungry in every fight," Álvarez said. "I don't like this guy and what he says about me, so that's good for my motivation. I'm ready to finish this (rivalry) and prove that I'm the best."

Golovkin's loss in the first bout in 2017 was infuriating to him after he peppered

his vaunted opponent with fast hands and combinations for 12 rounds, and even Álvarez has acknowledged the judges' scores were generous. Álvarez felt better about his second performance, while Golovkin still thought he had shown enough tactical skill and done enough damage to win again.

Four years later, it's tough to tell whether either fighter is still at the peak of the powers they demonstrated in 2018. The 40-year-old Golovkin has fought only four times since the only loss of his career, while Álvarez's light heavyweight loss in May invited whispers about

whether the 32-year-old superstar had reached the top of the downslope on a busy career.

Álvarez clearly doesn't like Golovkin, who was understandably infuriated when their second bout was delayed by Canelo's positive test for a performance-enhancing substance. By most accounts, Álvarez was less interested in a third bout than Golovkin, leading to the lengthy delay between fights.

"My dream would be to win this fight and to send him to retirement," Álvarez said last month. "That would be the ultimate result for me, so I'll try to do that."

Golovkin said he has no plans to retire, and his focus is on avenging the only loss in the professional career of a gifted puncher who first turned heads in the Athens Olympics for Kazakhstan and then finally became a global star after he moved to California a decade ago.

Outside the fighters' camps, there are indications that perhaps four years were too long to wait: The arena off the Las Vegas Strip wasn't yet sold out earlier this week, and the overall buzz that accompanied the first two fights is at a lower volume this time.

But once these fighters are in the ring again, the boxing world will have one more chance at closure in a rivalry that's still too close to call. □

Stroman wins at Wrigley, Cubs top Rockies 2-1 for 4th in row

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CHICAGO (AP) — Marcus Stroman won at Wrigley Field for the first time since signing with the Cubs, pitching no-hit ball into the sixth inning during a 2-1 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Friday.

Stroman (4-7), who signed a \$71 million, four-year contract, had been 0-5 with a 7.11 ERA in nine previous starts at Wrigley Field this season. He didn't allow a hit until Ryan McMahon homered with two outs in the sixth, his 17th this season.

Zach McKinstry homered and tripled as the Cubs extended a winning streak to four for the first time since mid-August.

Stroman gave up three hits in six innings with two walks and five strikeouts. Brandon Hughes followed and Manuel Rodríguez pitched a perfect ninth for his second save, completing a four-hitter.

Chicago, wearing dark blue uniforms with "Wrigleyville" on the jerseys, was coming off a sweep of the NL East-leading New York Mets.

Colorado has lost three of four and dropped to a major league worst 22-48 on the road.

The Rockies are 40-34 at Coors Field.

Germán Márquez (8-11) allowed two runs, six hits and two walks in seven innings. He had given up a season-high nine runs against Arizona in his previous start.

McKinstry, hitting .194 coming in, tripled off the center-field wall in the first and scored on Happ's single. McKinstry homered into the basket in left-center in the fifth. □



Chicago Cubs starter Marcus Stroman delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, in Chicago.

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<p>WAS \$26.28</p> <p>\$22.85</p> <p>Per KG</p>  <p>Tenderloin Brasil</p>	<p>WAS \$9.71</p> <p>\$7.42</p> <p>Per KG</p>  <p>Chicken Gyros</p>	<p>WAS \$10.28</p> <p>\$8.85</p> <p>Each</p>  <p>SV Ice Cream Vanilla/Neapolitan 128fz</p>	<p>WAS \$5.48</p> <p>\$3.99</p> <p>Per Bag</p>  <p>Apples Gala 3lb</p>		
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